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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No. 15 on the 4th December 1924.*

1. Starred questions to be put at a meeting of the Council with their answers shall be printed and placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

The Secretary shall call out the name of each interpellator in the order in which the names are printed, specify the serial number of his question and make a sufficient pause to give him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place and putting a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.

2. If a member responsible for a starred question happens to be absent when it is called, it will be open either to him or to any other member to put supplemental questions thereon after the other starred questions for the day have been answered, provided question-time is not thereby exceeded.

3. Questions, not starred, will not be called in Council, but they will be printed with their answers and placed on the table of the House along with the list of starred questions. Oral supplementary questions will not be allowed in regard to unstarred questions.]

## STARRED QUESTIONS.

### Tours.

*Tour of the hon. the Minister for Development to Bombay.*

* 1508 *Q.*—Sriman Sasibhushan Rath Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state the object of his tour to Bombay and Poona in January 1926?

*A.*—The object of the tour was to attend the Conference of Registrars of Co-operative Societies which was held at Bombay. Opportunity was taken of the tour to visit the Agricultural College at Poona on the way.

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar:—"May I ask the hon. the Minister whether the particular conference was attended by other Ministers from other provinces?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir T. N. Sivagnanam Pillai:—"I believe two other Ministers attended."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar:—"May I ask what are the new things which the hon. Minister observed at this conference and profited by?"

The hon. the President:—"Please repeat the question."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar:—"The hon. Minister attended the Conference of Registrars of Co-operative Societies at Bombay. I wish to know whether any new system or anything of the kind was observed by him there?"

The hon. the President:—"That is a matter for a separate question and not for a supplementary question."

### Education.

*Revision of pay of women officers in Educational Service.*

* 1509 *Q.*—Mr. S. Satyamurti: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether consequent on the Government's scheme of

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revision of pay a large number of women officers in the Educational Service have been forced to suffer a substantial reduction in their pay and to refund the amount drawn in excess by them, and, if so, the reasons for this unfair treatment?

*A*:—The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar :—" May I know when the decision is likely to be reached? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro :—" As early as possible."

Mr. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar :—" The answer is very vague and indefinite. Cannot the hon. Minister give us the approximate time even in months? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro :—" I am afraid it is not possible to say more than what I have already said."

*Admission of Adi-Dravida students into the Board Elementary school, Salem taluk.*

* 1510 *Q.*—Mr. R. Veerian : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) why admission of Adi-Dravida pupils was refused by one teacher Arumugam Pillai appointed in the newly started Board Elementary school in a central place between Rakipatti and Ettimanickampatti run by the Salem taluk board, Salem district; and

(*b*) whether any action was taken by the Director of Public Instruction in the matter on the petition, dated 3rd January 1926, submitted by the Adi-Dravidas of Ettimanickampatti village, Salem taluk, and if so, with what results?

*A.*—The Government have called for a report.

Mr. R. Veerian :—" The answer to this question is: 'The Government have called for a report.' This is a very common answer in almost all these cases."

The hon. the President :—" Order, order. Question please."

Mr. R. Veerian :—" I want to know whether the Government have already taken any effective steps with reference to the admission of depressed classes pupils into schools run under public management except sending some circulars saying that all classes should be admitted without any distinction whatever."

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro :—" Circulars were issued and warnings were given. Further, District Educational Officers were asked to look into the matter carefully."

Mr. R. Veerian :—" May I know whether any grant was withdrawn? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro :—" Public bodies which have not carried out the orders contained in the Government Order were warned."

Mr. R. Veerian :—" Is it not a fact that there is a condition precedent to the recognition and payment of grant that no body should refuse admission to students? "